THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (c) During the years 1985, 1986 & 1987 the MRTP Commission had submitted six administrative reports inclusion in the Annual Reports pertaining to the execution of the provisions of the MRTP Act, 1969 for the years 1984, 1985 and 1986 and the other three relating to the provisions of the Monopolistic, Restrictive and Unfair Trade Practices as contained in the MRTP Act for the purposes of Annual Reports of the Department of Company Affairs for the years 1984-85, 1985-86 & 1986-87. While the Annual Reports pertaining to the execution of the provisions of the MRTP Act for the years 1984 & 1985 were laid on the Table of the House on 5-5-86 and 24-8-87, respectively the Report for the year 1986 is in print for being laid on the Table of the House. The Annual Reports of the Department of Company Affairs for the years 1984-85, 1985-86 & 1986-87 were circulated amongst the Members of the House on 11-4-85, 16-4-86 & 7-4-87 respectively.

(d) The MRTP Commission has powers to take action for certain violations of the MRTP Act.

Export of cement to the neighbouring countries

3622. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to export cement to neighbouring countries; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) Cement production in the country is sufficient to meet the existing demand and spare some quantities for export. Under the current Export Policy (1988—91), Export of cement is canalised through the State Trading Corporation of India. Export of some quantity of cement to Nepal has been permitted.

Italian offer for the modernisation of Indian private industrial firms

3623. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether in the fourth meeting of the Indo-Italian Joint Business Council held in Milan, Italy, on the 10th May, 1988, under the joint auspices of the FICCI and the Confindustria, Italy has stressed the need for increased financial cooperation between India and Italy particularly for the modernisation of Indian private industrial firms;

(b) if so, what were the other subjects discussed and whether the decisions arrived at have been submitted to the Indian Government; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) The Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) have reported that during the fourth meeting of Indo-Italian Joint Business Council held on April 22, 1988 in Milan, Italy under the auspices of FICCI and Confindustria of Italy, the Italian side emphasised that there was considerable scope for modernisation and upgradation of Indian industries in which they could provide technology and know-how.

(b) and (c) The FICCI have reported that other subjects discussed at the Joint Business Council meeting were economic situation in India and Italy for enlarging economic cooperation, enhancing of bilateral trade, promotion of joint collaboration and investment flow. Any specific proposal of collaboration between the two sides would be considered on merits as per existing policy guidelines as and when it is received.